

than 5 p.m. E.D.T. on August 15, 2011, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of RE&EEAC meeting minutes will be available within 30 days of the meeting.

Edward A. O'Malley,

Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Panel of Judges

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that the Panel of Judges of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The Panel of Judges is composed of twelve members prominent in the fields of quality, innovation, and performance management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to review applicant consensus scores and select applicants for site visit review. The applications under review by Judges contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene September 8, 2011, at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room B, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General

Counsel, formally determined on March 7, 2011, that the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because for a government agency the meetings are likely to disclose information that could significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and other organizations and a discussion of these data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend organizations that will receive site visit reviews, may be closed to the public.

Dated: July 21, 2011.

Charles H. Romine,

Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA581

Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of EFP application; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of an exempted fishing permit (EFP) application, and is considering issuance of EFPs for vessels participating in the EFP activities. The EFPs are necessary to allow activities that are otherwise prohibited by Federal regulations. The EFPs will be effective no earlier than August 10, 2011, and would expire one year after date of issuance, but could be terminated earlier under terms and conditions of the EFPs and other applicable laws.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., local time on August 10, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by 0648-XA581, by any one of the following methods:

- Fax: 206-526-6736, Attn: Kevin Duffy.

- Mail: Barry A. Thom, Acting Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070, Attn: Kevin Duffy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the EFP application, contact Kevin Duffy (Northwest Region, NMFS), phone: 206-526-4743, fax: 206-526-6736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act provisions at 50 CFR 600.745, which states that EFPs may be used to authorize fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited. NMFS received a request for a permit from the Environmental Defense Fund. The primary purpose of the EFP is to conduct gear trials using bottom trawl fishing gear fitted with excluders in order to test reduced bycatch of Pacific halibut while participating in the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota fishery for groundfish. The EFP would exempt vessels fishing in the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota fishery and participating in the EFP project from regulations that require the use of a two-seamed bottom trawl net in the area shoreward of the trawl Rockfish Conservation Area. All other regulations applicable to vessels in the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota fishery would remain in place. The EFP would allow limited testing, during fishing activities, of an excluder device on a four-seamed bottom trawl net in order to compare bycatch rates of Pacific halibut with bycatch rates from legal bottom trawl gears fitted with similar excluder devices.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 21, 2011.

Emily H. Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA598

New England Fishery Management Council; Public meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Committee, Plan Development Team and Advisory Panel will hold a meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Boston North Shore, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500; fax: (978) 750-7991.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the workshop's agenda are as follows:

The Committee will continue developing Framework Adjustment 47 (FW 47) to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). At this meeting, the Committee will discuss accountability measures for windowpane flounder, ocean pout, Atlantic halibut, and Atlantic wolffish. The Committee may develop measures that impose gear restrictions on groundfish fishing vessels (both sector and common pool) if annual catch limits for these stocks are exceeded. The Committee will receive a brief overview of the results of recent assessments for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder, Eastern Georges Bank cod, and Eastern Georges Bank haddock. The Committee will identify alternatives for modifying the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder rebuilding strategy in light of the passage of the International Fisheries Agreement Clarification Act. After a review of the accumulation limits workshop held in June 2011, the Committee will develop a scoping document for an amendment to address the issues raised at the meeting. Planning for a sector workshop to be held in October 2011 will also continue. Finally, the Committee will receive a report on progress in developing a method for setting ABCs and ACLs for fishing years 2012-14.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens

Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 21, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Substantive Submissions Made During the Prosecution of the Trademark Application.

Form Number(s): PTO-1553, 1981, 2194, 2195, 2200.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0054.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 48,471 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 289,521 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO expects that it will take the public approximately 5 to 30 minutes (0.08 to 0.50 hours) to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request, depending upon the type of request and the method of submission (electronic or paper).

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and servicemarks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce

may file an application to register their marks with the USPTO. Such individuals and businesses may also submit various communications to the USPTO, including requests to amend their registrations to delete goods or services that are no longer being used by the registrant. The rules implementing the Trademark Act are set forth in 37 CFR part 2.

The forms in this collection are available in electronic format through the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). The USPTO is proposing to add six new items into the inventory at this time to take into account a new method of electronic submission of information when a TEAS form having dedicated data fields is not yet available (*i.e.*, TEAS Global forms). These TEAS Global forms can also be submitted in paper format. The USPTO is also proposing to delete the Other Petitions requirement and is introducing specific petitions in its place, namely in the TEAS Global format.

The information in this collection is a matter of public record and is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. The information is available at USPTO facilities and can also be accessed at the USPTO Web site.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail: Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *E-mail:*

InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0054 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 25, 2011 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.